

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to issue bonds to oil companies to wipe out the oil pool deficit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Public Sector Oil Refineries are against the opening of the petroleum sector in April, 2002; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The management of the oil pool account is a continuous process and the strategy to manage the same depends inter alia on various factors viz. the prevalent international prices of crude oil/petroleum products, exchange rate, duty structure, domestic selling prices of controlled products (motor spirit, high speed diesel, kerosene for public distribution and domestic LPG) etc. No decision to wipe out the oil pool deficit by issuing bonds to oil companies has been taken as yet.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.